



The Ellesmerian Club

Ellesmere College, Ellesmere, Shropshire

**To the Ellesmere Parents
From Peter Leake, Chairman, The Ellesmerian Club
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On behalf of the Ellesmerian Club and Old Ellesmerians worldwide, I begin by sending you greetings and best wishes.

The reason for writing to you is to explain some of the benefits that your children will encounter as they leave Ellesmere and become 'Old Ellesmerians'. For those parents who have been linked with Ellesmere for a number of years, thank you for your support, and for those parents who have recently joined the Ellesmere Community, I would like to share with you a little information about the OE family.

You may be aware that a small amount is added to the school bill each term for The Ellesmerian Club. May I thank you for agreeing to pay this as it enables the Club to function and deliver some vital services to your children. This is the Clubs only source of income; £10 per term, over 15 terms from each pupil, or £25 per term over 5 terms if you have just joined the Sixth Form. The Club does have certain administration costs, but the majority of the funds go back into the school through the sponsorship of various projects and to assist students to attend international trips that they wouldn't otherwise be able to afford. In addition, each OE will obtain access to Ellesmere Connect, a website that will connect them to thousands of OEs worldwide, many of which are happy to offer work experience and mentoring to our younger generation of OEs. Students will receive a termly newsletter and a monthly e:bulletin which informs them of the various activities that are being organised and we endeavour to enable them to keep in touch with the school and its community as time goes by.

The Ellesmerian Club exists to promote and continue good fellowship and friendships amongst OEs; to strengthen ties between past and present members of the school, and to further the general interest in, and prosperity of, Ellesmere College. We also facilitate meetings, networking events, sports fixtures, social events and dinners, whilst recognising the diversity of our membership and the school. The Club is run by a small number of very dedicated OEs who attend three executive meetings a year, but who also spend a great deal of time organising various events and facilitating a mentoring programme for our younger Ellesmerians.

The Club continues to be very active with various events taking place all over the UK, this year, these include: OE Dinners in Manchester, London, and Jersey, an International Reunion Dinner, which will be held at the College (latterly it has been held in Germany and Hong Kong), there are two OE Luncheon's; one in the summer term and one on Remembrance Sunday. London 'CITY Drinks' takes place each term; an informal networking event at The Antelope in Eaton Terrace and, if you live or work in London, we would love you to join us. This year we will also be hosting a social event in Liverpool which includes the Beatles Tour, Six Nations Rugby and dinner at Marco Pierre White's restaurant.

Finally, thank you once again for your support and for taking time to read this brief letter, which, I hope, has explained a little more about the Ellesmerian Club. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

Peter Leake,
OE Club Chairman
